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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

GERMANY SEEKS PEACE.

ALL THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS APPROACHED.

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE REICHSTAG.

December 11, 9.10 p.m.
Great interest is evinced in Germany on the sudden summoning of the Reichstag to-morrow, when Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg is expected to make an important declaration, the nature of which is not disclosed.

The Enemy's Notes.

December 12, 5.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that official telegrams from Vienna and Berlin state that all the enemy Powers have addressed to hostile Governments identical Notes expressing willingness to enter upon peace negotiations.

"Conscious of Responsibility Towards God."

December 12, 6.20 p.m.
A telegram from Berlin says that Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg announced in the Reichstag that Germany and her Allies, conscious of their responsibility before God and before their own nations and humanity, had proposed to-day to hostile Powers to enter upon peace negotiations.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS.

Statement of Policy Next Week.

December 12, 6.15 p.m.
The House of Commons was crowded when it met to-day. All the Liberal ex-members of the Cabinet sat in the Front Opposition Bench.
The Unionist rank and file retained their seats on the Opposition side, fronting the Liberals, who intended to cross the floor.
Mr. Bonar Law moved the adjournment until December 14, when Mr. Lloyd George will move a Vote of Censure.
Mr. McKenna suggested that Mr. Lloyd George's statement of policy should be postponed until next week, to enable Mr. Asquith to be present.
This was agreed to.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Unsuccessful German Attacks.

December 12, 6.40 p.m.
A Russian communique says:—Enemy attacks south-east of the wooded Carpathians and in Moldavia were repulsed. We captured some heights.
The Germans are unsuccessfully attacking north of Cluj and west of Miskolc, thirty miles north-east and twenty-five miles east of Ploesti, respectively.

French Carry Bulgarian Outposts.

December 12, 4.45 p.m.
A French communique says:—We carried five small Bulgarian outposts south of the River Hujumnyos and on the right bank of the Vardar.
Snow checked operations in the whole region north of Monastir, where an artillery duel continues most violently.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Enemy Driven Out of Trenches.

December 12, 4.45 p.m.
A French communique says:—A German attack north of Launoy was broken up by our barrage. Enemy detachments which gained a footing in trenches were driven out with grenades. Our line was entirely re-established.

THE BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

Germany Denies Infringing International Law.

December 12, 6.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that, replying to the United States' protest against the Belgian deportations, the German Government maintain that it has not infringed the rules of international law. The reply refers to the removal of the population from parts of Germany and German Colonies by enemy troops, and alleges that some have been sent to Siberia.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Some Probable Appointments.

December 11, 2.15 p.m.
It is believed that Lt-Colonel Sir Mark Sykes (U. Central Hall) will be Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and the Rt. Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, (O. Fulham) Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

Mr. Lloyd George's Pronouncement.

December 11, 2.15 p.m.
Parliament again adjourns to-morrow until Thursday, when Mr. Lloyd George will make his first pronouncement.

Mr. Asquith Laid Up.

December 12, 1.10 a.m.
Mr. Asquith is laid up with influenza.

Prime Minister Better.

December 12, 1.55 p.m.
It is officially stated that the Prime Minister is better. He has been ordered to remain indoors for a couple of days.

IN RUMANIA.

German Propagandists Active.

December 11, 2.15 p.m.
German propagandists are very active in Rumania in seeking to undermine the loyalty of the Army. They are offering grants of land to officers and men prepared to side with the Germans, who proclaim their intention to confiscate the estates of pro-Entente notables. The Germans have been apparently balked of their intended prey of the oilfields, as it is reported that the oil wells have been completely destroyed.

Rumanian Retreat Continues.

December 12, 11.55 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd a telegram states that the Austro-Germans are very active in Wallachia preparing the lines of defence, fortifying favourable positions, and constructing bridges of boats across the Danube between Giurgovo and Turnul-Severin. They are employing the whole population above the age of fourteen years.
The Rumanian retreat continues with a minimum loss.
It is authoritatively stated that the machinery of the oilfields has been destroyed and it will at least be a year before it can be restored.

FRENCH POLITICS.

Small Cabinet Decided Upon.

December 11, 2.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the Government has finally decided upon a small Cabinet, following British lines.

A Stormy Scene.

December 12, 4.25 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that a stormy scene took place in the Chamber during the debate on the war credits.
The Socialist member M. Brizon, one of the three deputies who recently met the German Socialists in Switzerland, vehemently protested against the prolongation of the war, of which the only result was to engulf millions.
Tumult ensued. Brizon persisted, despite the opposition of the whole Chamber, and the incident culminated in Brizon hurling a water bottle at the head of his nearest opponent.
The sitting was suspended amid pandemonium, and Brizon was ejected.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

"Clear-Cut Violation."

December 12, 12.25 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington the State Department announces complete information as to the torpedoing of the Marina and this makes the attack appear a clear cut violation of Germany's pledges.
Full information is awaited regarding the Arabia before the next move.

More Sinkings.

December 12, 6.40 a.m.
The steamer Strathalbyn has been mined and the Norwegian steamers Molem and Falk torpedoed.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Successful British Raids.

December 12, 12.50 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig reports successful raids eastward of Neuville St. Vaast and south-eastward of Arras, destroying machine gun emplacements.
An attempted enemy raid eastward of La Bontilliere failed.
Hostile working parties at Fauquissart and Wietje were dispersed.
There has been reciprocal artillery and trench mortar firing at Loos, Arras, Ypres and north of the Ancre.

A French Coup-de-Main.

December 12, 12.50 a.m.
A Paris communique reports violent artillery activity at Villa-en-Belis, north-west of Rheims and in the Doncourt sector.
A coup-de-main was successfully carried out against enemy trenches at Boule-Prete and west of Fontenoy-Mouton.

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GERMANY AND PEACE TERMS.

Reichstag Unexpectedly Convened.

December 12, 12.45 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that a sitting of the Reichstag has been unexpectedly convened for to-morrow, and it will be the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war in historical importance.
Members, including combatants, have been summoned telegraphically by the Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, from headquarters. He has received the Federal Ministers and invited the neutral ministers to meet him.
The Foreign Secretary received the Party leaders, and Party meetings will be held in the forenoon.
Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople have approved of the Chancellor's statement, the nature of which is at present unknown; but it is assumed that it will relate to peace terms.

An Unprecedented Step.

December 12, 12.45 a.m.
The unprecedented step of calling in the neutral Ministers is evidently an effort on the part of Germany to take advantage of her Rumanian successes to re-open the question of peace.
Colour is lent to this by the fact that the Foreign Secretary before the sitting will convey confidential information to the party leaders, when it is supposed that he will point out the political consequences of the operations in Rumania.

IN THE BALKANS.

A Further French Progress.

December 12, 12.50 a.m.
A French communique reports that the Germans and Bulgarians desperately resisted Allied attacks north of Monastir.
Fighting was very heavy north of Hill 1030, where a height attacked by the Russians changed hands frequently.
The French progressed 800 yards near the village of Vlakar.

LIQUOR REGULATIONS.

December 12, 1.10 a.m.
Drastic regulations regarding liquor are foreshadowed. It is understood that the general policy is towards an entire veto of the consumption of spirits. The Government will take over enormous stocks for munitions purposes.

GERMANY EXCUSES BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

December 12, 6.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the German reply to the American Note regarding the deportation of Belgians makes the usual effort to lay the blame on the British blockade bringing factories to a standstill, etc.

FRENCH DEPORTATION SCENE.

December 12, 6.40 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that it is reported that a serious riot occurred at Tourcoing.
It is reported that a serious riot occurred at Tourcoing (a French frontier town, 10 miles N.E. of Lille) on the occasion of the deportation of civilians.
A German soldier struck a civilian with his rifle butt, whereupon the crowd attacked the escorting troops.
The cavalry charged, and sixteen towns-people were killed.

RECENT AIR RAID CASUALTIES.

December 12, 1.55 p.m.
The casualties in the air-raid (on English Northern Counties) of Nov. 27, were: One man and three women killed, sixteen men, fourteen women and seven children injured.

MORE OPIUM SMUGGLING.

Exemplary Penalties in England.

Liverpool, Nov. 7.—A Chinese seaman was brought up on remand at the Police Court, to-day, on a charge, under the Customs Restrictions Act, 1915, of having brought to a dock quay a quantity of opium which was intended for exportation from the United Kingdom.
A solicitor for the prosecution stated that on October 30th a private detective in the employ of Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co. went aboard one of their ships which was leaving for China. He searched the vessel and found concealed under two feet of coal in the starboard bunker a bag containing 9 lbs. of opium. Prisoner subsequently admitted being the owner, and said he had paid 35s. pound for it. Owing to the shortage of opium in this country the Customs authorities took a serious view of the matter. Had prisoner successfully exported the opium he would have made a lot of money out of it.

A fine of \$50 was imposed, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.

A Spanish fireman was charged with a similar offence.

Prisoner.—I bought the opium, but I had no intention of exporting it.

A Customs officer said that on Saturday morning, October 28th, he boarded the steamer St. Louis, which was then just about to sail for New York. Orders were given to the crew that each man must stand by his berth with his bag open. Witness examined prisoner, who was standing by his berth, and found concealed under a false bottom in his valise 25 tins containing liquid opium.

The Solicitor.—Opium in liquid form costs more and can be sold outside the country for a far greater price.

An interpreter stated that prisoner told him that he bought the opium for 100 dollars in London, and hoped to get 500 dollars for it in America.

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OBITUARY.

General Sir G. Luck.

London, Received December 13.
The death is announced of General Sir George Luck, G.C.B. [Deceased had a long military career, in the course of which he held the post of Inspector-General of Cavalry in India, 1887-93; commanding Quetta District, 1893; Inspector-General of Cavalry in Great Britain and Ireland, 1895-98; commanding Bengal Army, 1898-1902; commanding 15th Hussars in Afghanistan and Boer wars. He was raised to the rank of general in 1905; and was H.M.'s Lieutenant, the Tower of London, 1906-7.]

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OBITUARY.

London, Received December 13.
The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Sir Roland Vaughan Williams, late Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, aged seventy-eight years; also of Mr. George Gilbert White, C.S.I., formerly Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Local Government of Burma, aged fifty-nine.

A Penang Land Question.

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Penang Chamber of Commerce.—The Chairman lays on the table paper on this subject including an excerpt from a report of the proceedings of the Federal Council at a meeting held on the 16th Nov. 1916, from which it appeared that the large Company in question did not wish to have recent land alienated to it and had no desire to lead to over-production; they wanted to purchase land already alienated and desired to find out whether the planters wished them to come here or not. After discussion it was resolved that a letter be addressed to Government, stating that this Committee respectfully begs to represent to Government that it is highly desirable in the best interests of the Colony and of the Malay Peninsula that a decision as to the proposed acquisition by persons, other than British subjects of land cultivated or uncultivated during the term of the war should be arrived at by the Government with the least possible delay.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—2.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hongkong University, Commemorative of degrees; 5.30 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

Friday, December 15.

Green Island Cement Co.—Extraordinary General meeting; noon.

Theatre Royal.—Opening performance of "Kismet" by A.D.C.

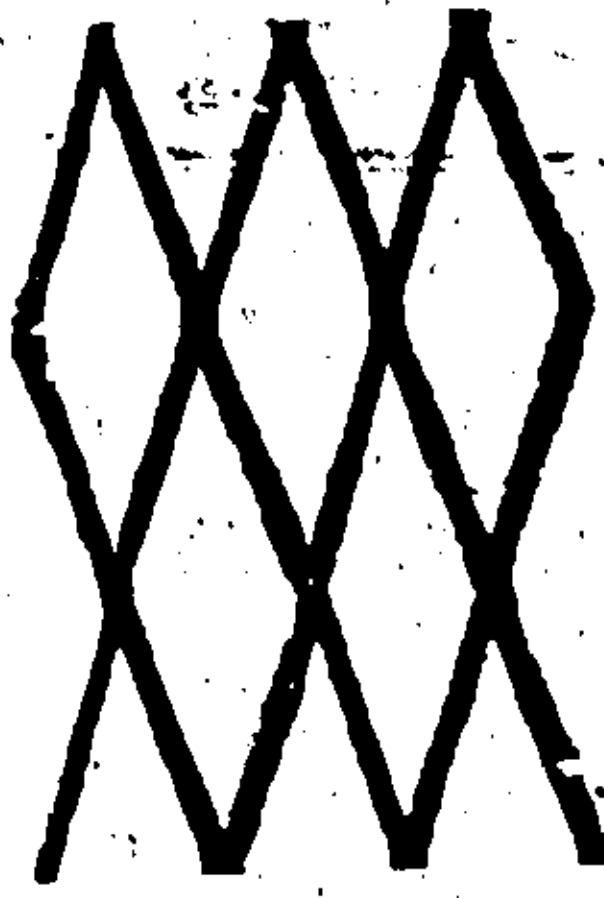
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GENERAL NEWS.

The Tientsin Concession Question.
Peking, Dec. 3.-M. Martel, First Secretary in Charge of the French Legation in Peking, and Dr. Wu Ting-fang, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, will meet to-morrow to resume the discussion of the French Concession-extension at Tientsin, which has been suspended since the Chinese failed to complete the agreement arranged by Sir John Jordan.

Suez Canal Dues.
As already mentioned, Suez Canal dues are to be raised from January 1. The increase will be from Frs. 7.25 to Frs. 7.75 per metric ton for ships with cargo and from Frs. 4.75 to Frs. 5.25 for ships in ballast. This increase has been rendered necessary by the continued decrease in transit receipts, which up to September 21 this year amounted to only Frs. 36,500,000, as against Frs. 66,330,000 and Frs. 88,000,000 in the corresponding periods of 1915 and 1914 respectively.

"H.W.M."s' Queer Accusation.
Mr. H. Massingham, editor of the Nation, states (Nov 6th) that the editors of the London and provincial newspapers were invited to a series of private conferences, at which Ministers addressed them under the seal of secrecy upon facts concerning the various War Departments. "Mr. Massingham says that these secret conferences tend to turn the Press into a kind of secret society in league with the Government, and that the Executive has ample power for frustrating the judgment of the nation apart from this subtle extortion."

The Bankongo People.
The Bankongo people of equatorial Africa, according to Mr. John E. Weeks in his book about them, have many sensational proverbs. A beautiful, concealed man, for instance, is reminded by them that coals that grow have only come from eggs; the impossibility of doing two things at once is expressed by saying, A dog has four legs yet it cannot walk in two roads; the fact that we bear others' burdens lightly is hit off by the phrase, A load of salt on another man's head is easily carried; while the wisdom of discretion is thus expressed - If you receive a message, deliver it; but if you are only told of an affair, leave it where you heard it. From Peking.

The spoils of war rarely afford the world's markets a greater curiosity than is brought to light by an item in a recent auction sale in New York City - the covering of the ceiling of the Imperial Palace at Peking, a magnificent piece of heavy corded yellow silk 21x19 feet, embroidered with Imperial dragons. The story that goes with this lot is that the furnishings of the Imperial Council Chamber were regarded as profaned by the presence of the foreign envoys who settled the Boxer troubles at Peking in 1902. The furnishings were therefore courteously divided among those who had unwittingly destroyed their value to the Chinese officials. This glorious canopy found its way to America, where it may now grace some millionaire's saloon. - New York Outlook.

German Inventiveness.
"Let us get rid of the superstition that the Germans exceed in inventiveness," says Colonel Galsworthy, the Swiss military critic. It should not be difficult. The difficulty would be to discover what really great thing the Germans have done for the enlightenment of the world and the progress of civilization. A German professor, Beckmann, wrote a "History of Invention," but his own country makes a poor show in its pages, and, coming beyond the period is covered, the Tenthredin record is a sorry one. To take some of the great familiar things Germans did not invent, there is the steam engine and steamboat, the telegraph, the telephone, wireless telegraphy, the aeroplane, even the balloon, of which the Zeppelin is a modern version. An English Bishop devised the first wireless language, and a German professor stole the idea. - Daily Chronicle.

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Case No. 1-222.

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- 2 Bot. Sherry, Light Dry.
- 2 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 2 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.

Case No. 2-228.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Burgundy "Beune."
- 3 Bot. Claret, St. Estephe.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky.
- 1 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

Case No. 3-232.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
- 3 Bot. Claret, St. Estephe.
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IS HONGKONG DOING ITS PART?

The fact that the new Government at Home intends utilizing the resources of the nation to the fullest possible extent in its aim to hasten final victory over our enemies should have more than a passing interest for Britons in all parts of the Empire. The effects of the war are being felt now to a far greater extent than ever before, and our kith and kin in the Homeland are being called upon to make sacrifices of which we, in snug and cosy Hongkong, can have very little real conception. Moreover, the tendencies are all in the direction of making further calls on the people, both in regard to men and money, while it is becoming evident that the State intends stepping in and enforcing economy where it would not otherwise be practised. Here in Hongkong, however, life runs along on fairly normal lines, and there is a distinct danger that we may come, in course of time, to view the war from a rather disinterested and detached point of view, as though it were really no very great concern of ours. That may seem a rather harsh comment, but it comes quite unobtrusively near the facts where a considerable bulk of Hongkong people is concerned.

The new Prime Minister to credit with the intention of regulating the work of the whole manhood of the country, and of having in mind a scheme for the control of investments and savings, the effect of which will be to place the realised wealth of the nation at the disposal of the Government. It is also reported that the War Profits Tax may be extended. If this is anything like a correct reflection of the policy which the new Government will follow, then it is evident that the most is going to be made of Britain's resources for the purpose of winning the war. But what of Hongkong and other of the small though rich Colonies of the Empire? Where do we come in, and what is our real duty at this critical time in the Empire's history? Are we to be content to rub along as we are at present doing, making no further sacrifices, knowing full well what the Old Country is doing—merely waiting to be able to have a sigh of relief when it is all over? Or can we, and ought we, to face the situation squarely, and willingly assume some part of the heavy burden? So far as man-power is concerned, it may well be that conscription cannot usefully be applied to the Crown Colonies, though we are by no means satisfied as yet that Hongkong has done all that it can do in this direction. While general conscription may not be desirable, there is still scope for "combing out," we think. But, leaving this question of man-power, can it be said that the Colony is doing its full share in other directions? If we cannot afford, for Imperial reasons, to conscript our young manhood, what have we to say to the principle of the conscription of wealth? In this sphere, at any rate, the situation is not quite the same. There is wealth in Hongkong, and a very considerable degree of it, too. But what is the wealth of Hongkong contributing to the war in the way of actual sacrifices? We do not overlook the generous manner in which local firms have subscribed to war funds, neither do we ignore the large participation in war loans, though the point that these latter represent a very paying investment must not be lost sight of. But what burdens, in any general sense, are Hongkong financial and business interests bearing in this war?

There are firms which, so far as their actual operations are concerned, are purely local, or, at any rate, Far Eastern businesses, but which, through the accidents of registration, are paying the Excess Profits Tax. But that is not the case with the majority of Hongkong concerns. Those registered locally are freed from this impost, but, all the same, they are, many of them, making large profits because of war conditions. If the principle be admitted that firms at Home who are profiting in consequence of the present abnormal conditions should hand over to the State a proportion of those profits, then there is every reason why the procedure should be applied to all parts of the Empire. At present fish is made of one and flesh of another. That is an anomaly which should be swept away; all these distinctions should be blotted out. Until that day arrives, it cannot honestly be said that Hongkong is doing its full share towards winning the war. And it would be the patriotic thing for Hongkong itself to suggest to the Imperial Government that it is anxious to do its part in this regard. We are enjoying all the privileges of Empire. Let us be willing to assume the obligations as well.

That Special Reichstag Meeting.

Reuter's assumption that the meeting of the Reichstag, so feverishly convened for to-day, was to bear some relation to further peace proposals was not very far out. The enemy's star remains in the ascendant in Rumania and, according to German political notions, the moment is too good an one to be lost. We have heard so much of these peace feelers during the past couple of years that most of us have come to take little heed of them. In this particular instance, however, in addition to the Rumanian position giving Germany an opportunity to fish for a peace advantageous to herself, we have to bear in mind her dismay at the new turn which Entente political plans have taken during the past week or two. Britain, France and Russia have been setting their houses in order in such a manner as can only be taken to mean an uncompromising prosecution of hostilities. Britain in particular has just placed her affairs in the hands of a man whom Germany frankly dreads, because she knows that he means to show her no mercy. It is hardly to be wondered at, then, that the present "feelers" should mean a little more than their predecessors. Heaven be thanked, therefore, that we have in Mr. Lloyd George a Minister who will exact his pound of flesh and who will listen to no humbugging peace proposals that do not embody the unconditional surrender of those that forced this war upon us.

Mild Rebukes.

We wonder how long neutral nations generally, and the United States in particular, intend contenting themselves with mildly rebuking Germany for her flagrant disregard of the most elementary canons of civilised warfare. In regard to the Belgian deportations, America has told the German Government that she views the latter's actions "with the greatest concern and regret," at the same time characterising its deeds as "contrary to all precedents and human principles." Yet President Wilson is content to protest "in a friendly spirit." Nations which stoop so low as Germany has done have forfeited all rights to friendship, except the friendship of rascals and murderers. Following hard on this latest U.S. Note we have an admission by the State Department at Washington that the torpedoing of the *Marina* was "a clear-cut violation of Germany's pledges." Yet information is awaited regarding the sinking of another boat before the next move is taken. But why wait for further proof of Germany's breach of faith when there is a specific case proved up to the hilt? It is this temporising and backbitchness on the part of neutrals which, more than anything else, has encouraged Germany in her brutality and savagery.

Our Sanitary Inspectors.

It seems to us a matter for some regret that the precious time of our Sanitary Board should yesterday have been devoted to so unprofitable a discussion as the education of the Board's inspectors. Dr. Ozorio enquired: "Why are these points not covered for in examination?" What lines, in his estimation should such an examination pursue? As Mr. Goldring pertinently reminded the Board, it is doubtful if the ordinary Member could himself pass an examination in sanitary matters. The most, surely, that can be asked of inspectors who are engaged locally is that they shall understand a reasonable amount of Cantonese, and shall be young enough or adaptable enough to be able to pick up, under the direction of the M.O.H., such technical knowledge as will enable them to carry out their duties efficiently. On looking up the wage of an inspector, we find that it comes to the magnificent sum of £165 per annum (with free quarters) rising biennially by £15 to £225. Does Dr. Ozorio think that the Government ought to be able to get a B. Sc. of London or even a D. Sc. of Hongkong (if there be such a thing) for each pay as this? If he had taken the trouble to reflect on what Mr. Othman ultimately pointed out—that the Colony ought to think itself lucky to get a man at all just now, for this work—his enquiries for more important matters.

DAY BY DAY.

HIS TRUE TO GOD WHO'S TRUE TO MAN.—Lowell.

The Mails.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Closed per a.s. Siberia Maru at 11 a.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail (London, Nov. 15).—Due per a.s. Temba Maru to-morrow.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per a.s. Shantung at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 21st birthday of H.R.H. Prince Albert.

Marine Court Enquiry.

The inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the fire which broke out on the s.s. Palawan on November 2, and which was fixed to continue to-day, has again been postponed until Friday.

A Placed Confidence.

Chan Pak-sun, the master of the ship at 25, Hillier Street, has reported to the Police, that yesterday afternoon he gave his shop coolie \$5,000 to take to a shop at West Point, and that the coolie has not been seen since.

Alleged Embezzlement.

The accountant of the Kwong Tai Hing, of Connaught Road West, named Tang Sai-po, was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Magistrate's court this morning with converting to his own use \$3,500, the monies of the firm. It seems that he was given this sum to pay Messrs. Gilman and Company. Mr. A. M. Preston appeared to prosecute, and the case was adjourned until December 20.

The Old Excuse.

Found in possession of 4 lbs. of raw opium yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning. Mr. Leo D'Almeida appeared to defend, it being explained that the man had only recently come back from the Straits and did not know the laws. A fine of \$250, or two months' hard labour, was imposed.

The "Khaki Bag".

Mrs. Milroy has secured by means of the "Khaki bag" a further sum of \$15, which she has sent Home to the *Weekly Dispatch* Fund, to be utilised for the benefit of the Dublin Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry. This brings the total up to \$180. Mrs. Milroy desires to thank all contributors, and to say that the little bag is still far from worn out and is serviceable for further collections.

Alleged Dumping.

A charge of dumping the body of a four-year-old female, who had died of small pox, was preferred against a Chinese living at 93, Wellington Street, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning. The prosecution alleges that a detective saw the man dumping the body outside 82, Wellington Street. Mr. Haywood is representing defendant, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

A Serious Charge.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a respectable-looking Chinese was charged with embezzling \$1,746.16, the property of his employers, of Des Vaux Road West. Mr. E. Davidson appeared to prosecute. It was stated by Inspector O'Sullivan that the man was sent yesterday to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to cash a cheque, but after cashing it he returned to his employers and said the money had been stolen. The money had not been traced. Mr. Davidson asked for a remand, and the case was put back until Friday morning.

HOCKEY.

Volunteer "A" v. 88 Coy. R.G.A.

In this U. S. League match, the following will play for the Volunteers (in white) at Happy Valley at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow: B. A. O. North, C. B. Johnson, F. W. S. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. Mackin, R. A. Brand, L. N. Murphy, A. D. Bell (capt), F. R. Smith, P. Toi.

IN NIGERIA.

Tin and Other Matters.

Says Truth of November 8:—A recent case in connection with the tin-mining industry in the Naraguta district of Northern Nigeria calls for notice in the House of Commons. Practically all the workings are open surface workings, and, according to the information I have received, a number of native labourers were killed or injured during the first part of the rainy season this year owing to falls of earth at places where the face on which they were employed had been undercut. In May such an accident occurred on a property belonging to the Kaduna Syndicate, causing the death of one native employed and the permanent total disablement of another. Both the Government Inspector of Mines and an Assistant Inspector (the latter of whom visited the property and stopped the work) condemned the methods of mining there as wrong and dangerous. At the request the fatal accident was found to have been due to the culpable negligence of the European miner in control of the work, and he was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

At this point the Council of the Chamber of Mines intervened on behalf of the defendant. Its members were not present when the evidence was taken, nor had they any personal knowledge of the facts; but on the strength of representations by interested parties they sent a long telegram to the Acting Lieutenant-Governor in which they attacked the procedure and judgment of the judicial officer who conducted the inquest, and demanded the transfer of the case to another court. The council circulated a copy of their telegram throughout the mine field, and the potency of their influence with the administration was soon demonstrated. The Lieutenant-Governor removed the officer concerned to another district, ordered the issue of a *nolle prosequi*, and so put an end to the case, the accused being discharged and returning to his mining.

The Colonial Secretary should be questioned in reference to this affair. The action of the Government of the Protectorate may have most pernicious consequences. It is obviously calculated, first, to discourage local judicial and mining officers whose duty it is to look after the safety of the workers on the mines, and, secondly, to produce laxity among employers who see how easily proceedings by such officers can be set aside. The mining industry is an important one, but proper conditions in the interests of labour must be enforced even if this tends to diminish dividends. When Mr. Bonar Law is questioned about this case he should also be asked whether the Colonial office is satisfied that there is a strict observance in Nigeria of the service regulation prohibiting officials from holding any interest in any concern operating for profit in the Protectorate. People on the spot are, by no means satisfied on that point.

There have been strong protests against Mr. Bonar Law's refusal to exclude neutral buyers from the forthcoming auction of enemy properties in Nigeria, and there is some likelihood that after all a private sale to a British company may be arranged. This may be a good thing for the parties who inspired these patriotic protests, but what about the smaller British firms in Nigeria who are outside the Palm Kernel Trust? If the enemy properties (chiefly in the island of Lagos, where all available building spaces and sites are occupied) fall into the hands of members of the combine it will be more difficult than ever for independent merchants to extend and develop their businesses and for new firms to enter the trade. However, I suppose the smaller firms will be expected to find comfort in the thought that the combine will not be able to do more than occupy the sites and buildings on an *ad hoc* basis.

In this world war we are depending not only on our own resources, but also on the general resources of all humanity. Are Britain and America to triumph or to fail? We must not lose sight of the fact that the victory of the Allied nations is the victory of the world.

JAPAN AND UNITY OF ACTION.

Foreign Minister's Declaration.

Petrograd, Nov. 2.—Viscount Motono, the newly appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the eve of his departure for Tokyo, delivered an important speech before the Russo-Japanese Society, in which he defined his attitude on various international questions arising out of the great war.

After expressing gratitude for the marks of warm sympathy which he had received during his 10 years' ambassadorship in Russia, Viscount Motono said:—I am particularly happy, gentlemen, to be able to state that our recent political accord was reached at the precise moment when the relations of your country with England are most intimate and most cordial.

As one of your eminent diplomatists has just said to me, at the time of the conclusion of our first political agreement, that of 1907, "a Russo-Japanese understanding, without a Russo-British understanding and vice versa, would have been an incomplete understanding." That is self-evident. You do not forget, gentlemen, that Japan has been the Ally of Great Britain for many years. Her constant policy has been to maintain the closest union with her Ally. This policy has found a brilliant consecration in the present war. Japan, at the first appeal of her Ally, took arms without the least hesitation, and has taken part in the great world war with all her ardour for the defence of the common cause.

I scarcely need tell you that Japan will always maintain this straightforward and loyal policy towards her friends and Allies. The events which we are witnessing are of extreme gravity. The present crisis is one of those that are so gigantic as to involve the fate of nations.

As I have had the honour of declaring on a former occasion, I have not the slightest doubt as to the final issue of this war. I am most profoundly convinced that the Allied nations, who are fighting for the defence of right and justice, will be victorious; but this victory ought to be early and decisive. In order to achieve this end, the sacred unity of all the Powers in coalition is an absolute necessity.

I do not doubt for a moment that this sacred unity exists among the Allied Governments. But this is not enough. The peoples themselves must clearly realise the necessity of this unity. Each of us must say to himself that our common enemy is on the look-out at our very doors for a rift in this sacred unity, for there lies his only hope of salvation. Since the outbreak of this diabolical war I have witnessed with admiration and emotion the great part played by the Russian people in the defence of our common cause. The immense sacrifices of all kinds which the Russian nation has imposed upon itself in order to triumph over the formidable enemy of us all are above praise.

Gentlemen, you will allow me to take advantage of this occasion in order to address to all the nations in coalition, especially to Great Britain and to France, the expression of my most sincere gratitude. We all know the part taken by these two powerful nations in the present war. The almost superhuman efforts which these two great nations have made since the beginning of the war in order to cope with the new needs and demands of a war without precedent command universal admiration.

I need not insist upon what would be the issue of this war without the mastery of the seas, what would be the result of the battles without the immense quantities of rifles and guns and ammunition of all sorts, the consumption of which is already limited. You are well aware, gentlemen, what all we Allies owe to these two great nations.

In this world war we are depending not only on our own resources, but also on the general resources of all humanity. Are Britain and America to triumph or to fail? We must not lose sight of the fact that the victory of the Allied nations is the victory of the world.

IN BUDAPEST.

Like A City Besieged.

People here are sick and tired of grumbling about the prices of necessities. Within the last month they have again risen from fifty to a hundred per cent., but even the prices would not matter so much if only the food could be obtained. Budapest is like a town besieged, and we shall soon have to follow the example of the Parisians in 1870 and eat rats and mice. The principal trouble is that the Germans are taking away nearly everything, and what they generously leave is seized by the Austrians. Here is an example of the treatment Hungary receives at the hands of her Allies. There is scarcely any soap at all in Hungary, and the Germans and Austrians are as badly off in this respect as we are. A small quantity however, is imported from Holland and from the northern neutrals.

The *Pesti Naplo* learns that the distribution of the imported soap among the three Allies, is being made in this proportion: Germany gets 70 per cent, Austria 27½ per cent and Hungary the rest, that is, 2½ per cent. It is almost the same as regards Hungarian produce, for the Germans take the best part of it and leave our people to starve. The general depression on account of the distressing condition of affairs is very great, and the newspapers devote more than half of their entire space to what they call our food miseries. If one takes all these things into account, together with the facts that the military are being fed on half rations and that winter will inevitably bring with it a famine such as no imagination can picture, it is impossible not to forecast an early end of the war. The winter is the most dreaded word in this part of the world to-day, especially as there is no fuel and no hope of an improvement in this respect, for the railways are overburdened with the work of military transport and cannot possibly supply civilians with fuel. In a month's time things will look still more gloomy, for the cold weather will set in, and the hunger from which the people are suffering to-day will be replaced by cold and hunger.

In Austria the conditions are said to be even worse, for there the people have not only no vegetables, but in many places they are sometimes without bread for weeks, and the working classes, especially in Bohemia, are in a dangerous state of desperation. Thousands of munition workers, although under military control, struck work in Bohemia last week, and nothing could persuade them to work until two waggon loads of flour were distributed among them. Twenty of the leaders have been arrested, and have not been seen since. In Vienna a kilogramme of meat costs from 18 to 20, and a cake of soap from 3s to 4s. Washing soap costs 8s a kilogramme. The newspaper correspondents in Switzerland send us parcels of food and soap and such things every week, and are spending their time in supplying the staff of their newspapers with commodities instead of telegraphing news.

Optimist Hunt.

A search was made this morning board the s.s. *Chingchow*, the Green Island Cement Company's steamer plying between here and Indo-China, by Revenue Officers Sutherland and Lannigan, which resulted in their finding 163 bags of prepared opium, valued at \$2,000.

These two ideals. It is for this reason that we should maintain the sacred unity, not only of all the Governments, but of all the Allied peoples. That is the essential condition of victory, quick and decisive.

Now that the foundations of a solid and lasting friendship between our two nations have been laid, we must hasten to endeavour to render more effective and more fruitful the relations of all Allied nations between Germany and Russia.

THE MPH-MPH.

Have you ever heard tell of the Mph-Mph?

He's quiet and a rarity too! His choice habitat is a rusty silk hat.

And he's not to be found in the Zoo.

He's a dolichocephalic biped. While his tail is composed of red tape!

He wears fur or leather (just which, account weather) And he has most curious shape.

Of course, he's a great politician. (He'd be popular here in Hongkong!)

If the Powers That Be decline—or agree, He'll stoutly declare they are wrong.

He's a whale on financial conditions, And death upon sewage and drains;

While he likes nothing more than to write of the War Ingloomy but garrulous strains.

His social attractions are greater, He's a gay and gregarious soul.

At times he's dramatic; his humour is Attic, Tho' his logic is clean up the pole.

He'd revel in stunts such as Kismet, And I fear he'd prefer them to drill!

There'd be roars of applause if he came to our shores But I somehow don't think that he will.

Have you ever heard tell of the Mph-Mph?

Economy now is his boast, And the alcohol daily he swallows so gaily.

It wouldn't unbalance a ghost, If you've never heard tell of the Mph-Mph.

The interest's liable to pall, But its past contravening you'll not catch my meaning.

For there's not any meaning at all.

E. W. H.

Hongkong, Dec. 13, 1916.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Service Board.

This Board will sit at the D.S.P. (R.)'s office on the dates mentioned to enquire into the duties being performed by each member of the force and as to whether police duties are being equally shared by all ranks.

The Board will enquire into the duties performed by the various units as follows:—

Thursday, Dec. 21.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra.

Friday, Dec. 22.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—No. 3 Company, Bagpipers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Only Company, Platoon, and Section Commanders and warning officers will be required to attend.

They will attend at 5.30 p.m. sharp and in uniform, and be prepared to explain any non-performance of duty by members of their respective units.

Circular letters are being issued to all concerned.

Defaulters' Drill.

Members awarded D. D. will parade at Central Station at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next, December 16. Uniform, helmets, and rifles. Staff Inspector Clarke will take charge.

Parades.

No parades, except of the Mounted Police, will take place during the week commencing December 17.

Calendars.

Local firms are issuing some very pretty calendars for the coming year. Messrs. Grande, Price and Company are putting out an extremely dainty design of a lady's head, entitled "Bobby," which is so mounted that it can easily be detached for framing purposes, while the same observation applies to the calendar sent out by the Victoria Dispensary, which bears a charming picture of a scene, entitled "Summer Days."

ANGLO-PORTUGUESE TRADE.

An Interesting Summary.

An article of very great interest to manufacturers and shippers appears in this month's issue of the magazine *Portugal*, which is a review of the country, its colonies, commerce, history, literature and art. The article is from the pen of Carlos Gomes, former president of the Lisbon Chamber of Commerce. Don Carlos Gomes says:—

It has been since 1870, when German commercial travellers began to invade Portugal, that English goods have been disappearing from our markets. In the middle of the last century the number of British houses established in Lisbon was still great. Since then British traders and a great number of offices for English importations have been disappearing, to give place to German houses. When the present war broke those lines which constituted the greatest elements of our trade were in German hands, lines such as cork in boards and manufactured corks, cocoas, rubber, wax, textiles, manures, &c., while the number of British houses established in Portugal was greatly reduced.

The while our trade with Germany increased that with Great Britain remained stationary. Germany came to be in 1912 our best customer, and in 1913 there was added the increase of our exportation for Holland and Belgium, which naturally was destined for re-importation to Germany, this country continuing to be still the best customer of Portugal. The Portuguese Government has not yet published the statistics for 1915, but it would seem that Great Britain has not yet taken the place of Germany, despite the blockade.

There is no doubt that since the war, as before it, it has been Great Britain which has sold more to us, owing to Germany being blockaded because of the lack of shipping for North America. But this has not been because the British business man has changed in accordance with the necessities of the great commercial war which is about to begin; or that the British manufacturer has improved and altered his goods, as demanded by the requirements of our market; or that the British banker has afforded the business circles of his country such assistance as is necessary to insure that these last should cease to export according to old and archaic systems—payment with order and credits opened in London.

All Portuguese business men know well how true this is as regards the special articles which they are accustomed to deal, but I shall, none the less, give certain cases in point. Fine quality leather prepared for boots and shoes Great Britain imported for the most part from Germany, the number of British manufacturing factories for this speciality being few, and these few producing an inferior quality, at once heavy and coarse. Great Britain now imports these goods from America, their old factories during the two years of the war having failed to improve and continuing to furnish the same of goods as before.

Personally I do not know how, after the termination of the military operations, notwithstanding the most stringent legislation against the invasion of German trade, and notwithstanding the highest tariff rates, Great Britain will be able to provide Portugal with the goods she will require if she does not prepare to take advantage of the present unique opportunity. Notwithstanding the very difficult situation of Germany she has not withdrawn her commercial travellers from Sweden, Norway, Holland and Switzerland, nor during the war has the number of her commercial schools ceased to increase, although in the greater part of her cities technical training or, as it is called, "vocational courses" were already obligatory.

The writer in recent visits to Great Britain had occasion to observe that this latter phenomenon had not yet been introduced there, and that many products that were imported from Germany into Portugal and its colonies could not be manufactured in Great

MAGISTERIAL CURIOSITY.

"Are You a Good Man?"

A large fur rug, belonging to Dr. Dilmahoy Allan, was alleged to have been stolen from his motor car by a Chinese yesterday. The man was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning.

The driver stated that he was waiting for Dr. Allan, who was seeing a patient, and he crossed the road to find out the time from a shop. When he turned round, he saw the defendant with the rug under his arm walking away. He stopped the man and handed him over to a Police Reserve constable.

Defendant denied the offence, saying he went to look at one of the lamps which was out. As he was walking away, he saw the rug lying on the ground, and he picked it up. He was not stealing it.

His Worship asked defendant if he could bring anybody to speak as to his character, and when defendant said he could, his Worship remanded the case until to-morrow to allow witnesses to attend.

Concubine Charged.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a concubine was charged with stealing, whilst a bailee, \$2,000 in bank notes, \$200 in money and a quantity of clothing and furniture, valued at \$400, the property of Yeung Po, a military officer, of Wai Chan, 130 Praya East.

Britain, and when endeavouring to find British houses for export which might substitute in our colonies German firms, such as Berg and Schaber, which does business for some 3,000 different makers, he was told that not only did no such commercial organisations exist, but that it would be impossible to readily create them in Great Britain.

Another illustration no less curious is afforded by what has taken place and yet continues to take place in England with regard to Portuguese cocoas. The whole there an association was formed in which there entered certain planters from Trinidad, in addition to Sir Roger Casement, the Irish traitor, and brokers for cocoas, which association had for its objects the discrediting of Portuguese cocoas, now procuring its fall in the market, now publishing abroad that it is grown by slave labour, the Germans, ridiculing the improvidence of Great Britain in her treatment of Portugal, her friend of centuries, invaded our markets, diverting our Portuguese cocoas to Germany, which was later sold to the English, probably after trashment and disguised! I said it is that it should be I who should here have to point out that notwithstanding all, even at the present time the exportation of cocoa to England is almost nil. Were it not for the Italians and the French, Portugal would now be suffering a great crisis owing to the depreciation of her cocoas.

We would do all justice to the men who are at the head of the British Government at this time, and to whom are entrusted the destinies of the country. They are men of the highest intellectual power and well acquainted with German methods. This is to be seen in the vast and extraordinary work which is being carried out through the medium of the Board of Trade, for the economic transformation of Great Britain. We trust that British business men and manufacturers will understand and respond to these efforts as they should. Germany was Portugal's best customer. It is necessary that Great Britain should substitute her facilities must be given and concessions granted for our cocoas, our table wines, our made corks, our preserved fruits and fish, our rubber, our wax, our wool, our mineral waters, our oil, our paints and our dyes. It is possible that I have been severe in pointing out discreditable facts. But I write to be read alone in England, saying alone what is true, the English being lovers of truth and esteeming what is true above all else.

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His Excellency the Governor has stated his intention of being present on the range, at this meeting on Boxing Day.

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All competitors and those engaged on duty are invited to lift on the range as the guests of the Police Reserve Headquarters' Club.

In answer to an enquiry, Captain Wood, Range Officer, states that the backsliding bar may be reversed at the option of any competitor.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:—

Dec.	1	...	Tons	93
"	2	...	"	95
"	3	...	"	90
"	4	...	"	95
"	5	...	"	90
"	6	...	"	116
"	7	...	"	97
"	8	...	"	103
"	9	...	"	109
"	10	...	"	95
"	11	...	"	108
"	12	...	"	102

Total to 12th inst. 1,197

Daily average 99.75

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 18th December, 1916,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

35 drums, Anti-Fouling Composition, (Th. Hoeg),

15 drums, Anti-Corrosive Composition (Th. Hoeg),

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "TENYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
AND MANILA.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 14th December, at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 19th December, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 20th December, at 10 a.m.

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1916.

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1 "	Super Tawny Port	"	
2 "	St. Julien Claret	"	
1 "	Old Brandy Sherry	"	
1 "	Old Tom Gin	"	
1 phial	Pomeroy's Bitters	"	
No. 2 Hamper			
1 bottle	Victor Claret Champagne	Quart	
1 "	Martell's XXX Brandy	"	
2 "	Perfection Whisky	"	
2 "	Rich Old Port	"	
2 "	St. Julien Claret	"	
1 "	Vino de Panto Sherry	"	
1 "	Peppermint G. F. small	"	
1 "	D.O.M. small	"	
1 "	Old Tom Gin	"	
1 phial	Pomeroy's Bitters	"	
No. 3 Hamper			
1 bottle	Burgundy	Quart	
1 "	Peppermint small	"	
1 "	D.O.M.	"	
2 "	Rich Old Port	"	
2 "	Perfection Whisky	"	
1 "	20 years Old Brandy	"	
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LONDON via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Delagoa Bay, Cape Town, Tenerife.		Kamo Maru Capt. R. Shimidzu T. 16,000	{THURS. 28th Dec., at noon.
		Kashima Maru Capt. K. Iagaku T. 21,000	{THURS. 4th Jan. at noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.		Tamba Maru Capt. Akamatsu T. 12,500	{TUES. 19th Dec., at noon.
		Shidzoku Maru Capt. Nomi T. 12,500	{WED. 3rd Jan., at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane.		Tango Maru Capt. Soyeda T. 13,500	{WED. 13th Dec., at noon.
		Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda, T. 9,600	{FRI. 12th Jan., at 4 p.m.
CUTTACK via S'pore, P'ang & Rangoon.		Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakimizu T. 10,000	{FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & C'bo.		Yorofu Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000	{THURSDAY, 14th Dec.
SHANGHAI and Kobe		Tolomi Maru Capt. Kamata T. 8,000	{WEDNESDAY, 13th Dec.
KOBE		Yamagata Maru Capt. K. Goto T. 8,000	{WEDNESDAY, 13th Dec.
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama		Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600	{THURS. 4th Jan., at 10 a.m.
		Suwa Maru Capt. T. Sekine T. 21,000	{SATUR. 15th Dec., at 10 a.m.
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Tenyo Maru	25,000 - 21 knots	19th Dec.
Nippon Maru	11,000 - 15 knots	4th Jan. 1917.
Shinyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	17th Jan.
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SHANGHAI	Shantung	14th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	17th Dec. at daylight
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taining	19th Dec. at 4 p.m.
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Tjikaroen	JAVA	28th Dec.	3rd Jan.	SHANGHAI
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SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Thur., 21st Dec. at daylight.
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"Carmarthenshire" Fire.

Says the "Singapore Free Press" of December 1:—A late telegram from Port Swettenham yesterday, kindly placed at our disposal, says that the fire on board had been extinguished by water. It is estimated that 25 per cent of the cargo in No. 4 hold is damaged by fire and water.

More Concrete Ships.

The Baltic Lloyd Steamship Company has been registered in Stockholm with a capital of three million kroner. The company owns two motor and two ordinary steam vessels. It is the intention of this company to place orders for concrete-built ships with the Mose Shipbuilding Company of Norway.

Shipping at Antung.

The total number and tonnage of vessels which were entered and cleared at Antung during the quarter ended June 1916 was 421 vessels of 15,114 tons, which was an increase of 101 vessels and 5,974 tons over the same quarter the previous year. The percentages of the total were 23.0 British, 38.0 Japanese, 33.0 Chinese.

The International Mercantile Marine Co.

The President of the International Mercantile Marine Co., will soon take up the question of building four fast steamships for the American line. It is understood that the new liners will have to be constructed in the United States. They will be oil-burning, quadruple turbine steamships of about 3,000 gross tonnage, with speed of not less than 25 knot.

Japanese Sales.

Agreement for the sale of seventeen Japanese steamers are reported to have been concluded recently, nine of them to foreign owners. Of the seventeen the highest price, ¥3,500,000, was paid for the Dairufuku Maru, a new steamer of 8,000 tons deadweight, built at the Kawasaki Dockyard, and the lowest, ¥230,000, was paid for the Suichiro Maru, 1,600 tons. Since the beginning of this year ten ty steamers, aggregating 102,800 tons, have been sold to foreigners, the prices totalling ¥26,937,500.

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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dis- patched.
London via Ports	Cyclops	B. & S.	13, Dec.
London via Ports	Nankin	P. & O.	15, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	23, Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	18, Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	19, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Euryalus	B. & S.	11, Dec.
Genoa	Merchire	J. M. Co.	Dec.
Genoa and London	Gleniffer	S. T. & Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Pelex	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA

San Francisco via Japan	Siberia M.	T. K. K.	13, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tjikembang	J. C. J. L.	14, Dec.
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle	Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	19, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	19, Dec.
Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	3, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Ecuador	P. M. S. S.	30, Dec.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyom M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	13, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	12, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	13, Dec.
Shanghai	Choyang	J. M. Co.	13, Dec.
Vladivostok via Japan	Tshima M.	N. Y. K.	14, Dec.
Hohow and Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	14, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	14, Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yatorfu M.	N. Y. K.	14, Dec.
Haiphong	Takung	J. M. Co.	15, Dec.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kutang	J. M. Co.	16, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	16, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	16, Dec.
Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	17, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tyden	B. & S.	18, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	19, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Shanghai	Chonan	B. & S.	19, Dec.
Shanghai	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	21, Dec.
Singapore	Sinkiang	B. & S.	21, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Toma M.	N. Y. K.	22, Dec.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	23, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tijlajap	J. C. J. L.	23, Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via S'ow	J. C. J. L.		23, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phenius	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	31, Dec.
Java	Tijmanook	J. C. J. L.	31, Dec.
Kobe	Tijliwong	J. C. J. L.	31, Dec.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	end Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyansa	P. & O.	1, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Tenkei	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tijtaroom	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Antiochus	B. & S.	16, Jan.

CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

s.s. "SIBERIA MARU" from
SAN FRANCISCO, VIA
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
and MANILA.The above named Steamer having
arrived, Consignees of cargo
are hereby notified to send in
their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from SKOTT'S
GODOWN at West Point.Cargo remaining undelivered
on 10th December, at noon, will
be charged landing charges.
Storage charges will be assessed
on all cargo undelivered on 13th
December, at 5 p.m.No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.
No Claim will be recognised
after the Goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Com-
pany's Godown, where they will
be examined on 30th December,
at 10 a.m.No Claims will be recognised if
filed after the 14th December,
1916.

T. DAIGO,

Hongkong, 7th December, 1916.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CARMARTHENSHIRE"
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The Pacific Mail s.s. ECUADOR left
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Yokohama and may be expected to arrive
here on December 13, and will leave for
San Francisco, December 30, at noon.The Pacific Mail s.s. Co's Steamer
ECUADOR left Yokohama on December
12, for Hongkong via Kobe, Shanghai
and Manila, and is expected to
arrive here on the 23rd inst.The Pacific Mail Co's s.s. COLOMBIA
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan
Ports.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. NORE which left
Hongkong on the 3rd November last,
arrived at Marseilles on Saturday, the
9th inst.The P. & O. s.s. NANKIN left Shan-
ghai for this port on the 15th inst., at
12.30 p.m. with the Homeward English
Mail, and is due here on the 15th inst.
at about 5 a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. JAPAN left Calcutta on the
3rd inst. and may be expected here on or
about the 15th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers:	Arrival:	Departure:
Waler, Br. s.s. 4,399, Bremen, 4th Sept.— Yungo Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—B. L. Kutang, Br. s.s. 4,695, Bradley, 21st Nov.— Singapore, 12th Nov. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Yushun, Chi. s.s. 1,079, Lago, 25th Nov.— Milke, 20th Nov. Coal—Order.	Expedita, Br. s.s. 4,560, Hawke, 5th Dec.—Shanghai, 1st Dec. Ballant- ine & Co.
General Woreland, Nor. s.s. 2,989, Hansen, 7th Dec.—Moji, 2nd Dec. Coal—Bradley & Co.	Hanamar, Amer. s.s. 1,078, Lennox, 7th Nov.—Saigon, Rice—Chinese.	Siberia M. Jap. s.s. 6,112, Hashimoto, 7th Dec.—San Francisco, 4th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.
Taihei M. Jap. s.s. 3,495, Horiuchi, 7th Dec.—Dairen, 1st Dec. Coal— M. B. K.	Yei M. Jap. s.s. 1,755, Nishikawa, 7th Dec.—Wakamatsu, 1st Dec. Coal— M. B. K.	Chinhus, Br. s.s. 1,360, Sidford, 8th Dec.— Manila, 5th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 739, Moovan, 9th Dec.— Haiphong, 8th Dec. Gen.—A. R. Marr.	Kashong, Br. s.s. 1,114, Byers, 9th Dec.— Swatow, 8th Dec.—B. & S.	Yahiko M. Jap. s.s. 1,800, Noda, 9th Dec.— Moji, 1st Dec. Coal—M. B. K.
Diva, Nor. s.s. 433, Jorgensen, 10th Dec.— Hohow, 8th Dec. Coal—Chinese.	Maiana, Br. s.s. 709, Russell, 10th Dec.— Bangkok, 3rd Dec. Gen.—Order.	Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, Hodgins, 10th Dec.— Fochow, 9th Dec. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Koyo M. Jap. s.s. 1,741, Stachem, 10th Dec.—Wakamatsu, 3rd Dec. Coal— O. S. K.	Kaifong, Br. s.s. 1,987, Evans, 10th Dec.— Haiphong, 5th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	Lobsang, Br. s.s. 979, Ritchie, 10th Dec.— Hohow, 7th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Tjikembang, Dat. s.s. 8,013, Jurrum, 10th Dec.—Manila, 7th Dec. Gen.— J. C. J. L.	Anna, Nor. s.s. 1,015, Arntsen, 11th Dec.— Bangkok, Rice—T. & Co.	Benavon, Br. s.s. 2,549, Hartle, 11th Dec.— Singapore, 1st Dec. Gen.—G. L. & Co.
Bombay, Br. s.s. 1,092, Leach, 11th Dec.—Rice—E. H. Ray & Co.	Cyclops, Br. s.s. 5,762, Jones, 11th Dec.— Shanghai, 9th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.	Maunpout, Br. s.s. 1,945, 11th Dec.— Saigon, 6th Dec. Rice—Chinese.
Shinku M. Jap. s.s. 1,994, Sakura, 11th Dec.—Moji, 6th Dec. Coal—Suzuki & Co.	Taiwan M. Jap. s.s. 1,145, Hanbayashi, 11th Dec.—Bangkok, 6th Dec. Rice— Chinese.	Kanchow, Br. s.s. 1,225, Lewis, 13th Dec.— Swatow, 11th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.
Loongsang, Br. s.s. 1,182, Leach, 14th Dec.—Manila, 9th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.	Tango M. Jap. s.s. 4,560, Soyeda, 13th Dec.—Nagasaki, 8th Dec. Gen.— N. Y. K.	Takung, Br. s.s. 977, Matthews, 13th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec. Gen.— J. M. & Co.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Ton- nage.	Date Due.	From.
P. & O.	Nankin	7,441	Dec. 14	Kobe.
B. & S.	Tyden		Dec. 17	Liverpool.
D. S. Co.	Japan		Dec. 21	Calcutta.
J. C. J. L.	Tijlajap	9,54	Dec. 21	Kobe.
B. & S.	Protesilaus		Dec. 23	Manila.
P. M. S. S.	Ecuador		Dec. 23	San Francisco.
P. & O.	Somali	6,699	Dec. 24	London.
B. & S.	Phenius		Dec. 27	Liverpool.
J. C. J. L.	Tijliwong		Dec. 27	Java.
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Kobe.
J. C. J. L.	Tijmanook		Dec. 28	Shanghai.
J. C. J. L.	Tijtaroom		Dec. 28	Java.
P. & O.	Nyansa		Dec. 31	Bombay.
B. & S.	Tenkei	4,922	Jan. 2	Liverpool.
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 5	Seattle.
G. L. & Co.	St Albans		Jan. 6	Australia.
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 11	Kobe.
P. & O.	Malta		Jan. 14	Bombay.
B. & S.	Antilo hus	9,038	Jan. 15	Liverpool.
B. & S.	Ixion	10,220	Jan. 19	Manila.
B. & S.	Colamon	4,519	Jan. 20	Liverpool.
B. & S.	Euryades	5,713	Jan. 23	Liverpool.
P. & O.	Nyansa		Jan. 25	Kobe.
P. & O.	Namur		Jan. 28	London.
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Feb. 1	Liverpool.

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TIDE TABLE.

From 11th Dec. to 17th Dec., 1916.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
Mon. 11	11:11	5:11	11:11	5:11
Tues. 12	10:56	5:00	10:56	5:00
Wed. 13	10:41	4:50	10:41	4:50
Thurs. 14	10:26	4:40	10:26	4:40
Fri. 15	10:11	4:30	10:11	4:30
Sat. 16	9:56	4:20	9:56	4:20
Sun. 17	9:41	4:10	9:41	4:10

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